



# THE TOKEN HUNTER

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## ENGRAVING PLANT

Salt Lake City received confirmation that it is one of 11 finalists for a Bureau of Printing and Engraving regional plant and learned the ground rules covering final selection Tuesday, January 28.

The plant for the Treasury Department will print currency and stamps for several western Federal Reserve Branches.

## JANUARY MEETING

Ken Lambson received the plaque and certificate as the winner of the Edith Attebury Award for the best article to appear in the Token Hunter in 1985.

George Wilson suggested nominations for officers be pushed back to October to allow more time to print, mail, and have the ballots returned. As there was not a quorum present, this issue was not voted on.

Richard Blaylock, Bob Campbell, and Kelly Finnegan gave details of the upcoming A.N.A. Midwinter convention. Kelly explained that over 150 cases will be on display at the convention. This will include Dave Freed's entire Token Collection as well as Bob Harris' Utah Transportation Tokens.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting will be just a bit different, and one that you won't want to miss. It will be hosted by the Utah Numismatic Society and clubs from all over the intermountain area will be represented at this meeting.

The meeting will be held February 19th at the Salt Palace. It will begin at 7 p.m. and the subject will be sunken treasure. If you have ever wondered what it would be like to recover ancient relics from a sunken Spanish Galleon, you will want to be at this meeting.

## NEW MEMBERS

Please join me in welcoming Bill and Delores Moulton as our newest N.U.T.S. members. We are glad to have you!

Any news, views or info you'd like to share? Give someone a call. If your interest in advertising or would like to submit an article, call Glen.

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# THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

What can I say about February except, it is convention time!

By the time you are reading this, the 8th Annual A.N.A. Midwinter Convention will be only a few short days away.

This convention is the product of several years of hard work by many people, and the enthusiasm, and energy of these people are what will make this convention a great success. The convention is the kind of event that no one should miss.

I want to remind you that it is not too late to help out at the convention, if you can spare some time contact me or general show chairman, Richard Blaylock. I have already volunteered my time to two committees! Several other N.U.T.S. members are serving as committee chairmen and as volunteers. We especially need some of our members to help in the hospitality room and at the club booth. It will be quite painless and I am sure that you will enjoy it. All you need to do is hand out a few flyers and talk to the conventioners

The convention begins February 20th and will run thru the 22nd. We are getting a head start by holding our February meeting on the 19th. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the U.N.S. and other organizations throughout the intermountain area. The meeting is to be held at the Salt Palace, in the Juniper Room. It will begin at 7 pm. Neil Harris, who is the editor of the Numismatist, along with Ken Bressett, the Educational Director for the A.N.A., will be the speakers that evening. They have promised to give a presentation on sunken treasure. Both of these gentlemen spent two months diving for spanish gold off the Florida coast. The very riches that built the Spanish Empire, and inspired

the many stories of pirates. I am sure most of you will enjoy this presentation. This will also be the only N.U.T.S. meeting in February, so mark the 19th on your calendar.

At the January meeting, Richard Blaylock and other committee chairmen spoke to us about the A.N.A. convention, and clarified several items for us.

The March meeting, on the 27th will be our first bourse night of the new year. The bourse is still one of our more popular meeting formats. It allows us to buy, sell, trade, and share our common interests.

March is also the deadline of the medal design contest. The competition is open to all members, so if you want to be remembered as the person who designed the 1986 N.U.T.S. medal, better get started.

The production of the 1986 medal will be limited to 150, and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Any medals that might be left over will be sold at our coin show again this year. It is not a good idea to wait until the show to purchase a medal, not only will the price increase, but last year there were only 15 left, and they went fast. We should have the final price set very soon, and again we will need 100 prepaid orders before production can begin.

Our second Annual Coin and Token Show has been scheduled for June 14-15 at the Salt Lake Howard Johnson's. Each of our board members has taken a position as a committee chairman, and they will be asking you to devote some time to our show. If we all pitch in this year it will assure that our show will become a permanent part of the Utah numismatic scene.

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# PLACES TO WATCH

This month I have chosen Salt Lake City's parking strips as the places to keep your eyes on. Now you might think that anything that could be found in a park strip is right now sitting in someones collection. WRONG! Many of the old coins and tokens are still in the ground.

There are several things about detecting these areas that I would like to share with you. It is best to work the areas in the early morning, evenings, or on weekends. At other times the traffic noises and crowds distract you. Total concentration is necessary so that you can hear and distinguish the deep or strange signals. On week days stick to the older less traveled areas of the city, do the busy downtown area on weekends.

You may want to take a detecting buddy along with you while you are working in some of the downtown areas to discourage the more unsavory street life from bothering you. Even though I would never use my digging instruments to harm anyone, I do make it obvious that I am carrying them with me. I feel like this has caused a few people to think twice before approaching me for a hand-out. Most will ask for pocket change for food (in the form of fermented grape juice) and when you decline, they leave.

Recently Salt Lake has been replacing the old curb and gutter, watch for these spots because this is where you will find some of the older coins and tokens. Although your finds will be few, they should be good. Some of my better finds have been: 1884 s seated liberty dime, 1904-p 1906-d 1911-s 1913-p and 1915-s Barber dimes. 1907-s 1909-p and 1914 d Barber quarters. A 1940-p walking liberty half.

Token finds include; Marv's Tavern, 38 east 4th south, good for \$10 in trade; Bill's Place, Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska, good for \$10 in trade; Ogden Wholesale Drug, good for \$5 in trade; Harmony Bar, Ogden, Utah.

One other bit of info, when the city removed the old curb and gutter, they hauled some of the debris away and dumped it behind the old Wasatch Springs building. I hope these suggestions have helped to inspire and excite you, as well as aid you in getting some good finds.

Grab your shovel and detector and head out, I'll probably be there when you arrive.

GLEN

## DIGGINS'

Howdy, fellow NUTS! This month's edition doesn't have much in the way of quantity, but the pieces turned up are quality!

If you will remember back to last May, NUTS went to West Dip on an outing. I was lucky enough to find a token on that trip, the "San Pedro Club" which was a bar that operated in either West Dip or Mercur in 1908. Well our token hunter editor, Glen Sidwell found my token's twin sister! He was also digging at West Dip, only a short distance from where the first one was found. Good find, Glen!



Glen has not been told that tokens are a little difficult to find with a metal detector, so please no one disillusion him. Less than a week after finding his San Pedro token, he found an H&A token from Ogden.



This one he found while detecting right in Salt Lake City.



I haven't been detecting yet this year, but I did come up with a new Utah town from a collector in Nevada. There is a token from the Wasatch Store, in Utah Mine. All that I have been able to find out about the town of Utah Mine is that it was near Winter Quarters, and that it was only around for 10 years. If you have any information please let me know.



Now that the sun is peeking through the fog, the snow is melting, and we're all anxious to get out, What have you found? I may have a new phone number by March 1, but until then give me a call at 561-2392.

Good luck and Good diggin'  
BRUCE

## A.N.A. CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Here is the tentative schedule of the A.N.A Midwinter Convention. This schedule is dated January 10, 1986, so there may still be some changes.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00 am Auction lot viewing opens in the Linden room.  
7:00 pm Exhibitors may set up in hall 4. U.N.S. and N.U.T.S. meeting in the Juniper room.

### THURSDAY FEBRUARY 20

8:00 am Exhibitors may place exhibits in hall 4. Auction lot viewing opens on bourse floor.  
8:30 am ANA board meeting (open to the public) in Hotel Utah Empire room.  
10:00 am International Primitive Money Society meeting in the Juniper room.  
11:00 am Educational video in the Juniper room.  
NOON OFFICIAL CONVENTION OPENING CEREMONIES. Exhibits must be in place, bourse floor and exhibits open to the public in hall 4.  
1:00 pm Ramses tour departs from north lobby.  
4:00 pm Howard Ruff speaker in Hotel Utah Grand Ballroom 1.  
5:30 pm Auction session #1 in the Linden room. Admission to bourse and exhibits close.

### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21

10:00 am Bourse and exhibits open to public in hall 4.  
11:15 am Spouse luncheon departs from north lobby.  
1:00 pm Ramses tour departs from the north lobby.  
5:00 pm Admission to bourse and Exhibits close.  
6:00 pm Auction session #2 in the Linden room.  
6:30 pm ANA reception in the Hotel Utah Grand Ballroom.  
7:30 ANA banquet in the Hotel Utah Grand Ballroom.

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22

8:30 am YN educational program in the Spruce room.  
9:00 am Society for U.S. commemorative coins meets in Juniper room.  
9:30 am Auction session #3 in the Linden room.  
10:00 am Bourse and exhibits open to the public in Hall 4  
6:00 pm Admission to bourse and exhibits close. Exhibits may be removed.  
7:00 pm State Line casino tour departs from north lobby. Exhibits must be removed.

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23

8:00 am Breakfast for Tabernacle tour group meet in Hotel Utah lobby.  
9:15 am Tabernacle Choir Tour departs from Hotel Utah lobby.



# THE MARKETPLACE

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The weather these last few weeks has been good enough th t I've been doing a bit of metal detecting. My finds have been on the small side, just modern minor coins along with the usual odds and ends and junk. Like it always does, this time of year set me thinking about summer and the outings that ar comming up in just a few weeks. Ken and Bruce have some great places for us to visit this year and some new additions that will make our digs even more enjoyable. Watch the TOKEN HUNTER for more details. These upcomming outings may even attract some of you who haven't gone along in the past.

One dig that I hope many of you can come on is our Nevada trip in June. We will be traveling about 220 miles each way. We will be stopping at many places along the way, but our main objective is the White Pine Mining District in Nevada.

The Wite Pine area is 70 miles west of Ely, the remnants of 1868 rush are clustered around Treasure Hill. Estimates of the districts population at the peak range as high as 50,000 people. In 1870 Hamilton, the county seat, boasted 101 liquor dispensing establishments, 50 general merchandise stores, and a population of 6,000. There are 9 towns in all that were home to the men and women who came to the White Pine district to make their fortunes over 100 years ago.

Bryan Moulton and myself will be acting Wagonmasters on this outing. We will prepare a schedule with some background information in the near future for thoes of you who would like to Join us. The trip is planned for June 16-22. I hope many of you can come.

Well, that about wraps it up for this month. A reminder, if you have not paid your dues yet, send in that check or bring it to the March meeting.

See you at the Salt Palace on the 19th.

ANNUAL DUES SHOULD BE PAID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER JAN.1ST

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BRYAN AND MARY MOULTON

Bryan and Mary first met at Artic Circle where Mary works. They have been married 10 years and have 3 children; Amie, Michelle, and William.

The Moultons have been members of N.U.T.S. since the very first meeting. Both have been active members, Bryan served two years as Wagonmaster, and Mary is in her second year as club Secretary. Both feel that the meetings are fun and informative, but admit that their favorite N.U.T.S. activities are the camp trips... "especially sitting around the campfire with all our clubmember friends swapping stories after a long day of metal detecting."

Bryan has been metal detecting for many years, and has owned about five metal detectors. He says that since he has joined the club and had the opportunity of learning from many experienced detector operators, that his skill and luck has increased.

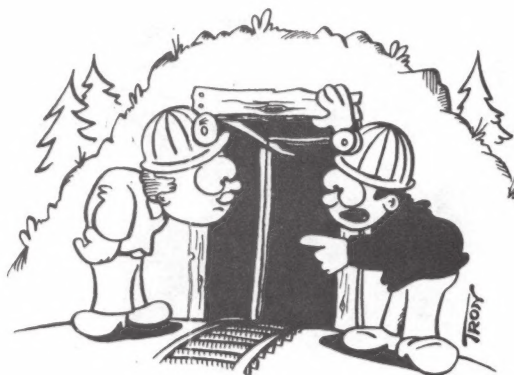
Like most detectors, Bryan collects many of his finds, but his passion is the ghost town of Frisco, Utah. According to Bryan, he collects "everything I can get my hands on" that is from or about Frisco. Right now he has several coins, bottles, artifacts, and even some stock certificates; his favorite is from Frisco Mining and Smelting Co.

Bryan's interest in Frisco also includes looking into the history of the town. On one trip to the geological library Bryan uncovered a bit of his own past. He was looking thru the census report of 1880 trying to discover the names of two men who were involved in a Christmas day gunfight in Frisco when he saw a name he recognized; R.D. McVicker. Well, Bryan knew that his mother had

been trying to locate some facts on a man by the same name for years. He phoned her right away and they compared notes. It turns out that R.D. McVicker is Bryan's Great Great Grandfather. Finding out that one of his relatives lived and worked in Frisco doubled Bryan's interest in this town.

Mary has made a few nice finds of her own. Once while she was walking her children to school, as she passed through the Jr. High field, she noticed a shiny object on the lawn. Giving into curiosity she picked it up for a closer look. It turned out to be a Granite School District lunch token from Granger High. Not a bad find for just taking the kids to school.

The Moultons are really looking forward to the outings and camp trips N.U.T.S. will be having this summer. Lots of new adventure, new ghost towns, and some new faces around the campfire.



"Well I'm not going in there! Let's get Mikie, he'll go into anything!"